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ANTI-ADULTERATION DRIVE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether oil companies have embarked upon anti-adulteration drive to check adulteration in petrol and diesel;

(b) if so, whether technical experts have been appointed to suggest ways to check oil adulteration;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the other proposals which are under consideration to check adulteration;

(e) whether adulteration takes place while the oil is being transported from the refinery to the outlet; and

(f) if so, the remedial steps suggested to check it?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (f):- The oil marketing companies carry out regular/surprise checks of retail outlets, to prevent various malpractices including adulteration. In addition, special drives are launched by the oil companies both on their own and also under direction of Government from time to time to check malpractices. Further, to prevent adulteration various steps like blue dyeing of kerosene (Public Distribution System), furfural doping, filter paper test, checking of retail outlets by mobile laboratories, etc. are undertaken by the oil companies. The checking of oil adulteration is a continuous activity of oil companies. To prevent adulteration enroute from supply points to the retail outlets, the marketing companies have taken various steps like improvement in seals, sealing under the direct supervision of an officer at the supply locations, introduction of pilfer proof locking device etc.